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<p>Examiner George,</p> <p>This is a draft of the response which we plan to file and which I would like to discuss with you in the telephone interview scheduled for Wednesday, January 29 at 1:00 EST. I will call you at the Office number listed above.</p> <p>Best regards, Brian L. Buckwalter</p>			

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DRAFT**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re: Application of Paula Belloni.

:Group Art Unit: 1616

Appln. No.: 09/966,202

:Examiner: Konata M. George

Filed: September 26, 2001

For: METHODS FOR THE TREATMENT OF EMPHYSEMA
USING 13-*cis*-RETINOIC ACIDAssistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This Amendment responds to the Office Action dated October 30, 2002, with a shortened statutory period for response set to expire January 30, 2003. Please make the following amendments and take the accompanying remarks into consideration.

In the Title:

Please amend the title as follows:

METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF EMPHYSEMA AND
CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE USING 13-*cis*-RETINOIC ACID

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 2, 3, 4, 5 and 23.

Please amend claim 11 as follows:

11. (amended) A pharmaceutical composition suitable for treating a mammal suffering from emphysema comprising an amount of 13-*cis*-retinoic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, hydrate, solvate or prodrug thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, said amount being sufficient to alleviate at least one symptom of emphysema.

In claim 12, please replace "claim 11" with --claim 36--.

In claim 13, please replace "claim 11" with --claim 36--.

In claim 23, please replace "method" with --composition--.

In claim 29, please replace "a" with --an--.

In claim 30, please replace "a" with --an--.